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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Box: **PATENT APPLICATIONS**  
Alain BOUILLOUX et al. : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Serial No.: Not Yet Issued : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: August 27, 1999 :  
For: **THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A CROSSLINKED PHASE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**Page 1, before line 4, insert**

*X1* **--Field of the Invention--**

**Page 1, before line 6, insert**

*X2* **--Background of the Invention--**

**Page 1, before line 36, insert**

*X3* **--Summary of the Invention--**

**Page 1, Line 36:** Delete "The Applicant Company" and insert --It--, After "now" insert --been--.

**Line 37:** After "acid" insert --for  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid--.